

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 9, 13-21, 36 and 38 are herein canceled. Claims 1-8, 10-12, 22, 23, 27-31, 34, 35, 37, 39 and 40 are herein amended. Claims 41 and 42 are herein added.

Amendment to Specification

The first paragraph on p. 1 of the specification is herein amended to reflect the fact that the present application is a divisional application, and to claim the benefit of the parent application. Applicants have also deleted certain material from the specification regarding nitrate interactions. As explained during the prosecution of the parent application, at the time of the filing of the parent Application, Applicants had collected data showing that a representative inventive compound did not adversely react with nitrate medication in a rat. Based on these data, Applicants believed the same lack of adverse interaction would apply to all inventive compounds in all mammals, including humans. Since that time, Applicants have collected data that undermine this belief. Thus Applicants herein amend the specification to delete two paragraphs on pages 91 and 92 of the specification that refer to the lack of adverse reactions of the inventive compounds with nitrate medications.

Amendment to Claims

Applicants have amended the claims to avoid the subject matter of the claims of the parent application, 09/940,760, of which the present application is a divisional. Applicants have further amended the claims in accordance with certain amendments made during prosecution of the parent application in order to progress the prosecution of the present application. No new matter has been added to the application.

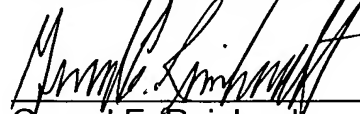
Examination on the merits for claims 1-41 is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Authorization

As this Preliminary Amendment is filed before the date of mailing of the first Office Action, no fee is believed necessary. However, should such fee become necessary to render this Amendment timely filed or to allow entry of the Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to draw the required amount from Applicants' deposit account no. 19-0365.

Respectfully submitted,

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